

U.S. Livestock Summary

Cattle Inventory Down 2 Percent

The inventory of all cattle and calves on hand January 1, 1998 was 99.5 million head, down 2 percent from the previous year. All inventory classes posted declines of 1 to 5 percent from a year earlier. Beef replacement heifers, at 95 percent of the previous year, posted the largest decline. The 1997 calf crop of 38.7 million head was 3 percent lower than a year earlier. The lower inventory continues the downward trend in the cattle cycle. Reduced numbers of cows, calves, and replacement heifers indicate that this pattern should continue for several more years. The number of operations with cattle during 1997 was 1.2 million, down 2 percent from 1996. Operations with 1,000 or more head were up slightly, while all other operation categories declined.

On January 1, 1998 the inventory of cattle on feed in the U.S. totaled 13.6 million head, up 3 percent from the previous year. For feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head, inventories increased 6 percent. With an inventory of 11.2 million head, these feedlots account for 82 percent of the U.S. total. Fed cattle marketings from these feedlots totaled 22.8 million head.

Preliminary numbers of commercial beef production for 1997 totaled 25.4 billion pounds, virtually unchanged from the previous year.

Milk Production Increase 2 Percent

U.S. milk production increased 2 percent to 156.6 billion pounds in 1997. Milk cow numbers were 1 percent lower than a year earlier, while production per cow increased 3 percent. The number of operations with milk cows during 1997 fell to 116,680, down 8 percent from a year earlier. Operations with fewer than 100 head declined while those with 100 or more head increased. The larger operations continued to increase their share of production, with the biggest gain for operations with 200 or more head.

Hog Inventory Up 7 Percent

The inventory of all hogs and pigs on December 1, 1997 was 59.9 million head, up 7 percent from the previous year. The inventory of breeding animals, was up 5 percent from 1996. Sows farrowed

increased 8 percent from a year earlier, while pig crop rose 9 percent. The average pigs per saved litter increased 2 percent over the same period a year ago. The number of operations with hogs has fallen steadily since 1980 and was down to 138,690 operations in 1997. The share of inventory held by larger operations continues to increase; in 1997 the 5,540 operations with 2,000 or more hogs held 55 percent of the inventory, compared to 4,960 operations with 51 percent of the inventory a year earlier. Preliminary commercial pork production totaled 17.2 billion pounds in 1997, up 1 percent from the previous year. Number of head slaughtered declined fractionally while the average dressed weight per animal rose 1 percent.

Poultry Value of Production Up

The combined value of production from broilers, eggs, and turkeys plus the value of sales from chickens in 1996 was \$21.8 billion, up 18 percent from the \$18.5 billion in 1995. Of the 1996 total, 64 percent was from broilers, 22 percent from eggs, 14 percent from turkeys, and less than 1 percent from other chickens. The value of broilers produced during 1996 was \$13.9 billion, up 18 percent from \$11.8 billion in 1995. The number of broilers produced has increased each year for the past 21 years; the 7.60 billion produced in 1996 was up 4 percent from 1995. The total live weight of broilers produced in 1996 was 36.5 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 1995. The average live weight per broiler continues to increase slowly, at 4.80 pounds per bird in 1996.

The value of turkeys produced during 1996 was \$3.10 billion, up 12 percent from \$2.78 billion the previous year. Turkey production totaled 7.17 billion pounds live weight, compared with 6.78 billion pounds in 1995. The average price received by producers during 1996 was 43.3 cents per pound, compared with 41.0 cents in 1995.

The number of chickens on December 1, 1997 (excluding commercial broilers) was 403 million, up 4 percent from 1996. Layers at 311 million were up 2 percent from the previous year. The 84.9 million pullets were up 12 percent from the 76.0 million of December 1, 1996. Other chickens showed a 4 percent increase to 7.54 million birds. All chickens were valued at \$1.10 billion on December 1, 1997, up 7 percent from a year earlier.

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Average value increased from \$2.65 to \$2.72 per bird.

Egg production during the year ending November 30, 1997 was 77.4 billion eggs, up 1 percent from 76.3 billion eggs in 1996. Layer numbers during 1997 averaged 303 million, up 2 percent from the year earlier. The annual average production per layer on hand in 1997 was 255 eggs, compared with the 1996 average of 256 eggs per layer.

Trout Sales Increase and Catfish Sales Decrease

For trout growers in the 18 selected states, value of sales was \$77.6 million during the year ending August 31, 1997. For trout growers in the 15

selected states, value of sales was \$72.4 million during the year ending August 31, 1997 up fractionally from \$72.0 million a year earlier. Growers in 18 selected states sold a total of 61.0 million pounds of trout.

Catfish growers in the 15 selected states had sales of \$422 million during 1997. These sales were down 1 percent from the 1996 total of \$425 million. Sales of foodsize fish totaled \$402 million, down fractionally from the \$403 million in 1996. Sales of stockers totaled \$4.03 million, down 16 percent from the \$4.81 million in 1996. Catfish water acres decreased 3 percent from January 1, 1997, to 173,000 on January 1, 1998.

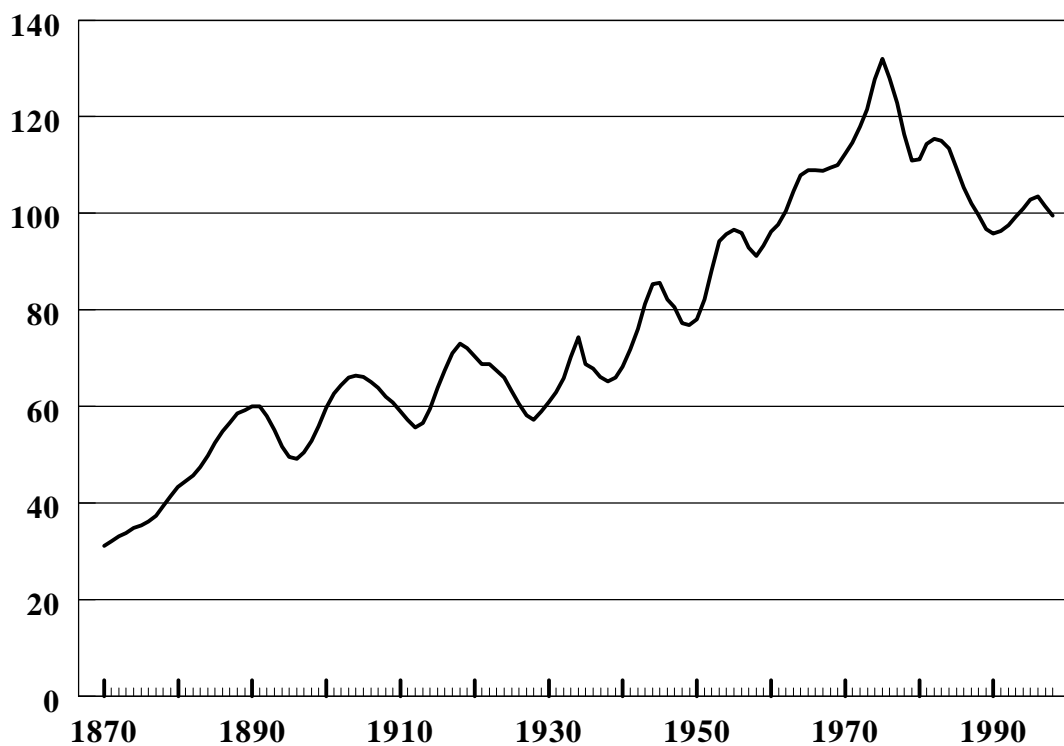
Cattle and Calves: January 1 Inventory

Year	Cattle Inventory ¹										Calf Crop
	Total	Cows				Heifers			Steers	Calves	
	Cattle	Total	Beef	Milk	Bulls	Beef	Milk	Other	500+lbs.	< 500 lbs.	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
1994	100,988	44,178	34,650	9,528	2,307	6,365	4,144	9,068	17,042	17,884	40,059
1995	102,755	44,643	35,156	9,487	2,390	6,475	4,141	9,275	17,463	18,369	40,211
1996	103,487	44,644	35,228	9,416	2,392	6,179	4,104	9,949	17,732	18,488	39,776
1997	101,460	43,580	34,271	9,309	2,339	6,056	4,057	10,199	17,320	17,909	38,718
1998	99,501	42,874	33,683	9,191	2,266	5,745	3,982	10,018	17,197	17,418	

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle Inventory, January 1, 1870-1998
United States

Million



Cattle and Calves: Marketings, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Marketings ¹		Average Price		Cash Receipts ²
	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1992	45,632	9,565	71.30	89.00	37,272
1993	46,022	9,679	72.60	91.20	39,362
1994	46,588	9,496	66.70	87.20	36,395
1995	48,432	9,589	61.80	73.10	34,004
1996	48,870	10,090	58.70	58.40	31,138

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments but excludes interfarm sales within the state. ² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle and Calves: Top 10 States

State Rank	January 1, 1998 Inventory		1996 Cash Receipts ¹	
	State	Head	State	Dollars
		<i>thousand</i>		<i>million</i>
1	Texas	14,300	Texas	5,331
2	Nebraska	6,650	Nebraska	4,082
3	Kansas	6,550	Kansas	3,995
4	Oklahoma	5,450	Colorado	2,072
5	California	4,600	Iowa	1,461
6	Missouri	4,300	Oklahoma	1,446
7	Iowa	3,750	California	1,145
8	Wisconsin	3,600	South Dakota	946
9	South Dakota	3,550	Minnesota	925
10	Colorado	3,100	Montana	656

¹ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle and Calves: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Percent by Size Group (head)				
		1- 49	50 - 99	100 - 499	500 - 999	1,000+
		<i>percent ¹</i>	<i>percent ¹</i>	<i>percent ¹</i>	<i>percent ¹</i>	<i>percent ¹</i>
Number of Operations ²						
1993	1,229,740	63.9	16.8	17.2	1.4	0.7
1994	1,213,690	63.3	17.2	17.4	1.4	0.7
1995	1,210,310	62.6	17.4	17.7	1.5	0.8
1996	1,192,520	62.4	17.3	18.0	1.5	0.8
1997	1,167,910	62.3	17.3	18.1	1.5	0.8
January 1 Inventory						
1994	100,987,600	13.9	14.1	38.6	11.0	22.4
1995	102,755,200	13.4	14.1	38.8	11.1	22.6
1996	103,487,200	13.0	14.0	38.6	11.5	22.9
1997	101,459,700	12.7	13.9	38.9	11.5	23.0
1998	99,501,000	12.4	13.8	38.5	11.4	23.9

¹ Percent: average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year prior to January 1. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle and Calves: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹		Average Live Weight		Average Dressed Weight ²		Meat Production	
	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Cattle	Calves	Beef	Veal
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
1993	33,324	1,195	1,161	388	694	228	22,942	286
1994	34,196	1,268	1,189	383	717	227	24,278	293
1995	35,639	1,430	1,183	372	711	218	25,117	307
1996	36,583	1,768	1,169	343	702	211	25,421	368
1997 ³	36,351	1,574	1,173	338	706	208	25,401	323

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected slaughter. ³ 1997 preliminary, final estimates will be published in "Livestock Slaughter 1997 Summary" March 6, 1998. NASS, Livestock and Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle on Feed: Inventory and Marketings by State

State ¹	Jan 1, 1998 Inventory ²	1997 Marketings	State ¹	Jan 1, 1998 Inventory ²	1997 Marketings
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>		<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
Arizona	245	398	Oklahoma	430	907
California	400	575	South Dakota	180	307
Colorado	1,120	2,555	Texas	2,850	5,800
Idaho	285	554	Washington	192	415
Iowa	360	584			
Kansas	2,310	5,210	All Other States	490	825
Nebraska	2,170	4,430			
New Mexico	123	229	Total U.S.	11,155	22,789

¹ 1000+ capacity feedlots. ² Cattle and calves on a ration of grain or concentrates whose carcasses are expected to grade select or better at slaughter. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Cattle on Feed: Feedlots, Inventory, and Marketings, United States

Year	Counts by Size Group (head)							
	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 - 3,999	4,000 - 7,999	8,000 - 15,999	16,000 - 23,999	24,000 - 31,999	32,000 - 49,999	50,000+
Number of Feedlots ¹	842	504	308	191	76	61	54	39
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
January 1, 1998 Inventory ²	574	699	1,160	1,596	1,255	1,542	1,889	2,440
Marketings ³	954	1,272	2,121	3,149	2,620	3,261	3,986	5,426

¹ Number of lots operating at any time during the year. ² Cattle and calves on a ration of grain or concentrates whose carcasses are expected to grade select or better at slaughter. ³ Marketed during calendar year 1997. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Beef Cows: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Percent by Size Group (head)			
		1 - 49	50 - 99	100 - 499	500+
		<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹
Number of Operations ²					
1993	903,680	80.8	11.2	7.3	0.7
1994	906,810	80.5	11.4	7.5	0.6
1995	910,130	80.1	11.7	7.6	0.6
1996	898,680	79.7	12.0	7.7	0.6
1997	882,600	79.7	11.9	7.8	0.6
January 1 Inventory					
1994	34,649,900	32.6	19.5	35.0	12.9
1995	35,156,300	31.6	19.4	34.7	14.3
1996	35,227,600	31.0	19.2	35.6	14.2
1997	34,271,200	30.7	19.6	35.7	14.0
1998	33,683,400	30.3	19.5	36.2	14.0

¹ Percent: average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Milk Cows: Operations and Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Percent by Size Group (head)				
		1 - 29	30 - 49	50 - 99	100 - 199	200+
		<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹	<i>percent</i> ¹
Number of Operations ²						
1993	159,450	37.2	22.2	26.9	9.3	4.4
1994	148,690	35.8	22.0	27.7	9.9	4.6
1995	137,030	33.9	22.4	28.1	10.6	5.0
1996	126,800	31.4	22.4	29.1	11.6	5.5
1997	116,680	28.7	22.5	29.8	12.8	6.2
Milk Cow Inventory ³						
1993	9,589,000	5.0	14.8	29.2	19.2	31.8
1994	9,500,000	4.6	14.0	28.7	19.3	33.4
1995	9,458,000	4.0	13.0	28.0	20.0	35.0
1996	9,361,000	4.0	12.0	27.0	20.0	37.0
1997	9,258,900	3.5	11.5	26.0	20.0	39.0

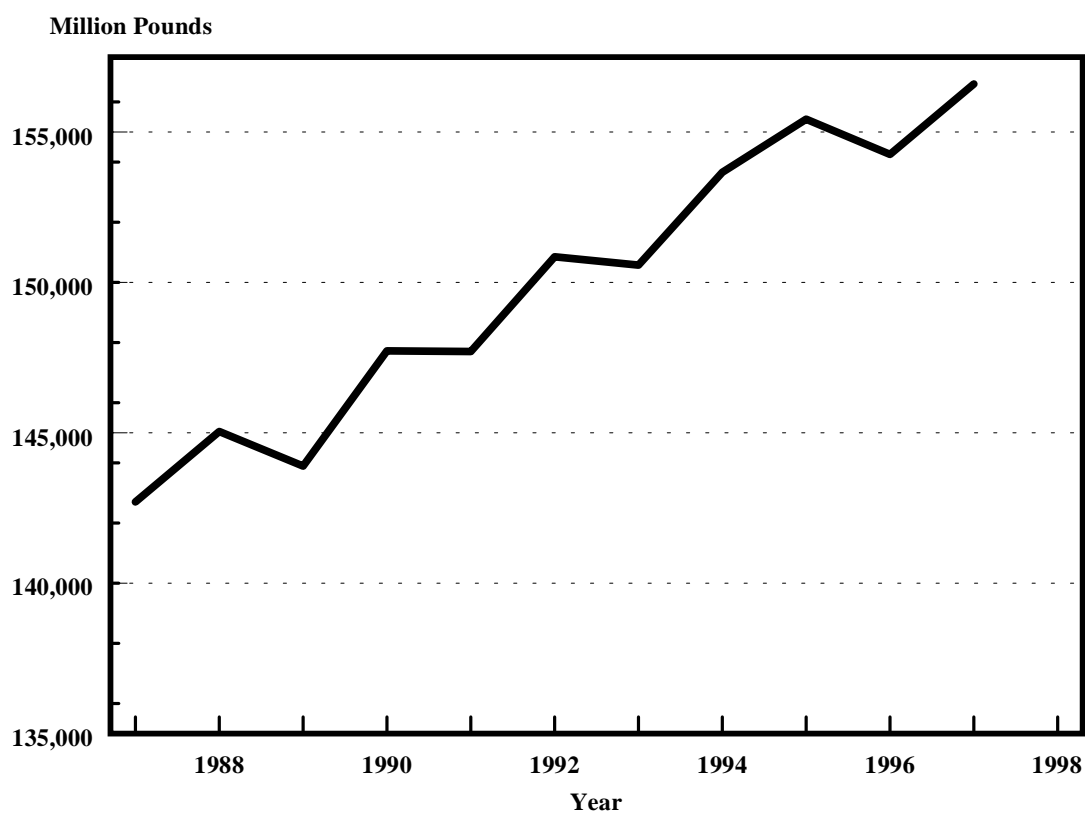
¹ Percent: average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year. ³ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Milk Cows: Inventory, Production, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Milk Cow Inventory ¹	Milk Production ²		Average Price	Cash Receipts
		Per Cow	Total		
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>Million pounds</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
1993	9,589	15,704	150,582	12.94	19,243
1994	9,500	16,175	153,664	13.12	19,935
1995	9,458	16,433	155,425	12.93	19,894
1996	9,361	16,479	154,259	14.94	22,834
1997 ³	9,258	16,916	156,603	-----	-----

¹ Average number during year, excluding heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves. ³ Estimates for price and value will be published May 18, 1998. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Milk Production, 1987-1997 United States

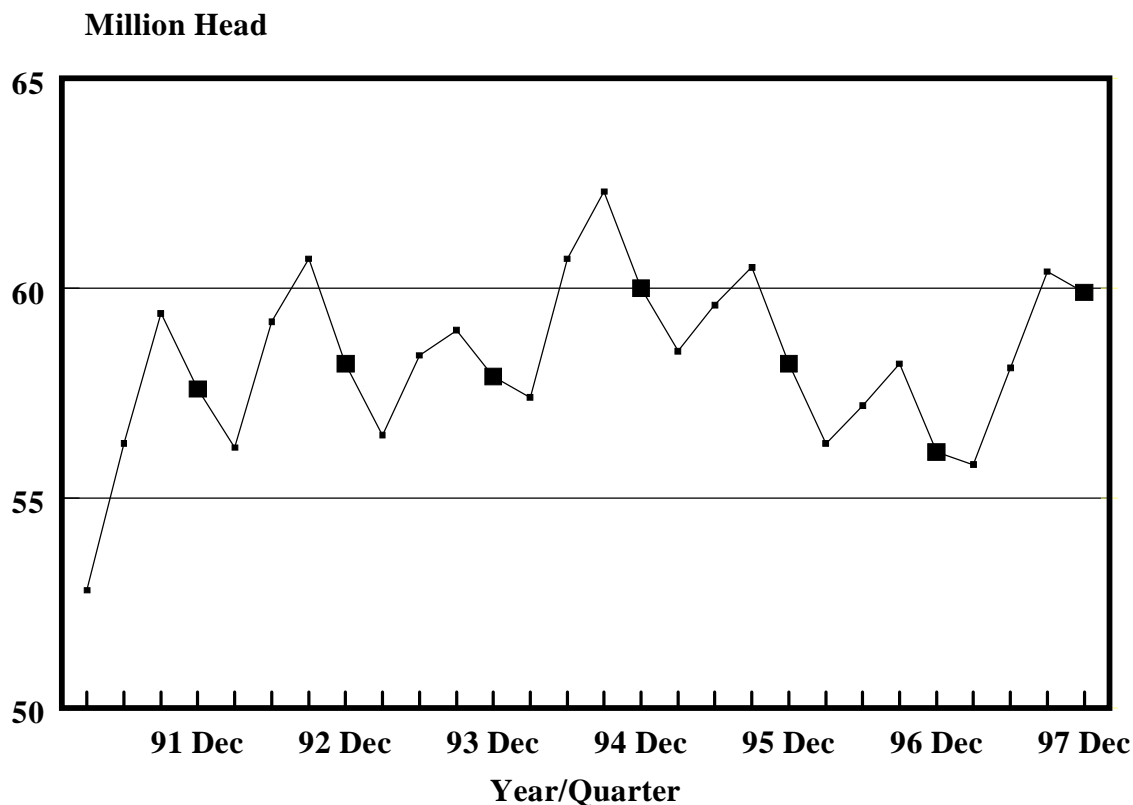


Hogs and Pigs: Inventory and Pig Crop

Year	Hogs and Pigs Inventory, Dec. 1			Sows Farrowed ¹	Pigs per Litter ¹	Pig Crop ¹
	Total	Breeding	Market			
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand</i>	<i>thousand</i>
1993	57,904	7,165	50,739	11,982	8.10	97,050
1994	59,990	7,060	52,930	12,379	8.19	101,416
1995	58,264	6,839	51,425	11,847	8.32	98,516
1996	56,141	6,667	49,474	11,187	8.49	94,957
1997	59,920	6,979	52,941	11,440	8.65	98,972

¹ December of preceding year through November. Record inventory: 83.7 million head December 1, 1944. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Quarterly Hogs and Pigs Inventory United States



Hogs and Pigs: Top 10 States

State Rank	Dec. 1, 1997 Inventory ¹		1996 Cash Receipts	
	State	Head	State	Dollars
		<i>thousand</i>		<i>thousand</i>
1	Iowa	14,000	Iowa	3,003,970
2	North Carolina	9,700	North Carolina	1,748,690
3	Minnesota	5,400	Minnesota	1,115,777
4	Illinois	4,750	Illinois	1,038,640
5	Indiana	3,800	Nebraska	856,139
6	Nebraska	3,550	Indiana	829,748
7	Missouri	3,500	Missouri	651,631
8	Oklahoma	1,640	Ohio	397,788
9	Ohio	1,620	Kansas	328,025
10	Kansas	1,430	South Dakota	324,917

¹ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter; includes allowance for higher average price of state outshipments of feeder pigs. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Hogs and Pigs: Marketings, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Marketings ¹	Average Price	Cash Receipts ²
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1992	98,589	41.60	10,017
1993	98,351	45.20	10,911
1994	100,747	39.90	9,883
1995	102,684	40.50	10,264
1996	101,809	51.90	12,644

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and state outshipments but excludes interfarm sales within the state. ² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter; includes allowance for higher average price of state inshipments and outshipments of feeder pigs. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Hogs and Pigs: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹	Average Live Weight	Average Dressed Weight ²	Pork Production
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
1993	93,068	254	184	17,029
1994	95,696	255	185	17,659
1995	96,325	256	186	17,810
1996	92,394	254	186	17,084
1997 ³				

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected only. ³ Price estimates will be published in "Livestock Slaughter 1997 Summary" March 6, 1998. NASS, Livestock and Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Hogs and Pigs: Operations and Inventory

Year	Total	Percent by Size of Operation (head) ¹					
		1 - 99	100 - 499	500 - 999	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 - 4,999 ²	5,999+
		percent	percent	percent	percent	percent	
Number of Operations ³							
1993	225,210	61.1	25.3	8.3	3.5	1.8	
1994	207,980	59.9	25.5	8.5	3.9	2.2	
1995	181,750	59.4	25.0	8.6	4.2	2.6	
1996	156,250	60.7	23.2	8.3	4.6	2.3	0.9
1997	138,690	61.2	21.6	8.4	4.8	2.9	1.1
December 1 Inventory							
1993	57,904,000	5.0	23.0	21.5	17.5	33.0	
1994	59,992,000	4.5	20.5	20.0	18.0	37.0	
1995	58,264,000	3.5	18.0	17.5	17.0	44.0	
1996	56,141,000	3.0	15.0	15.0	16.0	18.0	33.0
1997	59,920,000	3.0	12.0	14.0	16.0	20.0	35.0

¹ Percent: average distributions of various probability surveys conducted during the year. ² Numbers before 1996 reflect operations of 2,000+. ³ Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year prior to December 1. NASS, *Livestock & Economics Branch*, (202) 720-3570

Hogs and Pigs: Pigs per Litter

Year and Quarter	All Operations	Number of Pigs per Litter by Size of Operation (head)					
		1 - 99	100 - 499	500 - 999	1,000 - 1,999	2,000 - 4,999 ¹	5,000+
1994 Dec.-Feb. ²	8.10	6.85	7.70	8.00	8.15	8.55	
Mar.-May	8.26	7.50	7.80	8.10	8.25	8.65	
Jun.-Aug.	8.22	7.30	7.70	8.00	8.15	8.70	
Sep.-Nov.	8.18	7.50	7.70	7.90	8.20	8.60	
1995 Dec.-Feb. ²	8.27	7.00	7.70	8.00	8.20	8.70	
Mar.-May	8.32	7.20	7.90	8.10	8.40	8.70	
Jun.-Aug.	8.34	7.20	7.70	7.90	8.20	8.80	
Sep.-Nov.	8.34	7.40	7.80	8.10	8.40	8.60	
1996 Dec.-Feb. ²	8.40	6.90	7.80	7.90	8.40	8.80	
Mar.-May	8.47	7.70	8.10	8.10	8.50	8.70	
Jun.-Aug.	8.56	7.50	7.80	8.20	8.50	8.80	
Sep.-Nov.	8.52	7.30	8.00	8.20	8.40	8.60	8.90
1997 Dec.-Feb. ²	8.61	7.20	7.70	8.10	8.40	8.60	8.90
Mar.-May	8.66	7.60	7.90	8.20	8.40	8.60	9.00
Jun.-Aug.	8.70	7.50	7.90	8.10	8.50	8.60	9.00
Sep.-Nov.	8.63	7.40	8.00	8.30	8.60	8.70	8.90

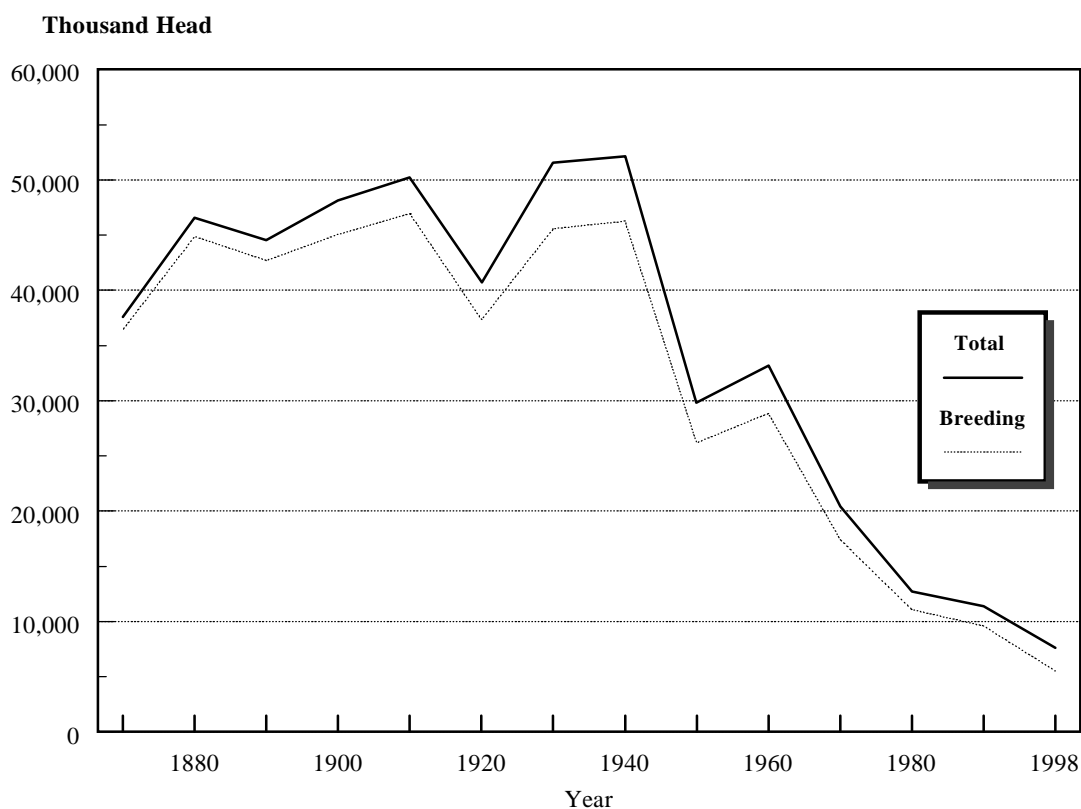
¹ Numbers before Sep.-Nov. 1996 reflect operations of 2,000+. ² December of preceding year. NASS, *Livestock & Economics Branch*, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs: Sheep Inventory and Lamb Crop

Year	January 1 Sheep Inventory						Lamb Crop ¹
	Total	Ewes 1+ Years	Rams 1+ Years	Replace- ment Lambs	Market Lambs	Market Sheep	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>
1994	9,742	5,804	302	N/A	N/A	N/A	5,897
1995	8,886	5,300	258	878	2,347	103	5,606
1996	8,461	5,128	236	863	2,152	82	5,282
1997	7,937	4,836	220	794	2,002	85	5,245
1998	7,616	4,527	206	804	1,995	84	-----

¹ Lambs docked or branded in AZ, CA, CO, ID, MT, NV, NM, OR, UT, WA, and WY; lambs born in all other states. N/A Not estimated. **Record Inventory: 56.2 million head on January 1, 1867.** NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs Inventory, 1870-1998 January 1



Sheep and Lambs: Top 10 States

State Rank	January 1, 1997 Inventory		1995 Cash Receipts ¹	
	State	Head	State	Dollars
		<i>thousand</i>		<i>thousand</i>
1	Texas	1,500	Colorado	114,627
2	California	870	Texas	74,501
3	Wyoming	680	California	73,426
4	Colorado	575	South Dakota	40,814
5	Montana	410	Iowa	38,048
6	South Dakota	400	Wyoming	32,349
7	Utah	350	Montana	28,797
8	Idaho	285	Utah	21,618
9	Oregon	265	Idaho	20,224
10	New Mexico	240	Oregon	17,054

¹ Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs: Marketings, Price, and Cash Receipts

Year	Marketings ¹		Average Price		Cash Receipts ²
	Sheep	Lambs	Sheep	Lambs	
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>dollars/cwt</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1992	1,923	7,007	25.80	59.50	507
1993	1,952	6,752	28.60	64.40	544
1994	1,536	6,384	30.90	65.60	507
1995	990	6,228	28.00	78.20	559
1996	1,019	5,923	29.90	82.20	601

¹ Includes custom slaughter for use on farms where produced and State outshipments, but excludes interfarm sales within the State.

² Receipts from marketings and sale of farm slaughter. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs: Commercial Slaughter

Year	Slaughter ¹	Average Live Weight	Average Dressed Weight ²	Lamb and Mutton Production
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>million pounds</i>
1993	5,182	127	64	329
1994	4,938	125	63	306
1995	4,560	125	63	284
1996	4,184	128	64	265
1997 ³				

¹ Excludes farm slaughter. ² Federally inspected only. ³ 1997 estimates will be published in "Livestock Slaughter 1997 Summary" March 6, 1998. NASS, Livestock and Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs: Wool Production and Value

Year	Sheep Shorn ¹	Weight per Fleece	Shorn Wool Production	Average Price ²	Value of Production
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>pounds</i>	<i>thousand pounds</i>	<i>dollars/pound</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1993	9,976	7.77	77,535	0.51	39,077
1994	8,877	7.73	68,577	0.78	52,377
1995	8,138	7.80	63,513	1.04	64,277
1996	7,279	7.79	56,669	0.70	39,659
1997 ³					

¹ Includes shearing at commercial feedlots. ² Weighted by sales. ³ 1997 estimates will be published in "Wool and Mohair" March 26, 1998. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Sheep and Lambs: Operations and Breeding Inventory by Size Group

Year	Total	Percent by Size Group (Head)			
		1 - 99	100 - 499	500 - 4,999	5,000+
		percent ¹	percent ¹	percent ¹	percent ¹
Number of Operations ²					
1994	87,150	91.3	6.7	2.0	0.1
1995	81,070	90.9	7.0	2.0	0.1
1996	77,510	91.9	6.2	1.8	0.1
1997	74,710	90.8	6.8	2.3	0.1
Jan. 1 Breeding Inventory					
1995	6,436,000	24.1	19.9	41.4	14.6
1996	6,227,500	25.0	20.4	40.9	13.7
1997	5,849,900	25.7	20.3	40.0	14.0
1998	5,536,700	25.5	19.2	42.6	12.7

¹ Percent: distribution according to end-of-year surveys. ² Operation: a place with at least one head at any time during the year. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Honey: Number of Colonies, Yield, Production, Stocks, Price, and Value ¹

Year	Honey Producing Colonies	Yield per Colony	Production	Stocks Dec 15 ²	Average Price per Pound	Value of Production
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>-1,000 Dollars</i>
1992	3,045	72.8	221,676	39,061	55.0	121,922
1993	2,876	80.2	230,655	49,049	53.9	124,323
1994	2,770	78.4	217,168	59,813	52.8	114,665
1995	2,648	79.5	210,516	42,226	68.5	144,203
1996	2,564	77.3	198,197	46,967	88.8	175,999
1997	2,579	74.6	192,393	69,059	75.2	144,680

¹ For producers with 5 or more colonies ² Stocks held by producers. Does not include stocks under loan. NASS, Livestock and Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

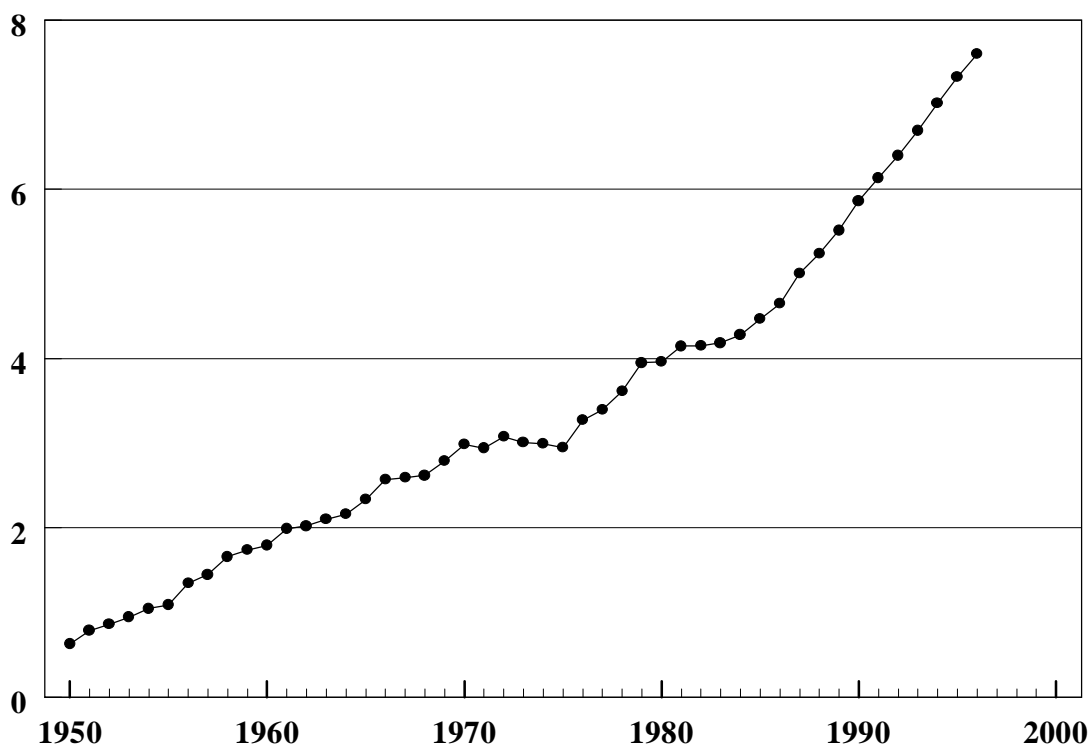
Broilers: Production, Price, and Value

Year	Production ¹		Average Price ²	Value of Production
	Head	Pounds		
	<i>million</i>	<i>million</i>	<i>dollars/pound</i>	<i>million dollars</i>
1992	6,402	28,829	0.318	9,174
1993	6,694	30,618	0.340	10,417
1994	7,018	32,529	0.350	11,372
1995	7,326	34,222	0.344	11,762
1996	7,598	36,486	0.381	13,906

¹ Excludes states producing fewer than 500,000 broilers. ² Liveweight equivalent price. NASS, *Livestock & Economics Branch*, (202) 720-3570

Annual Broiler Production, 1950-1996 United States

Billion Head



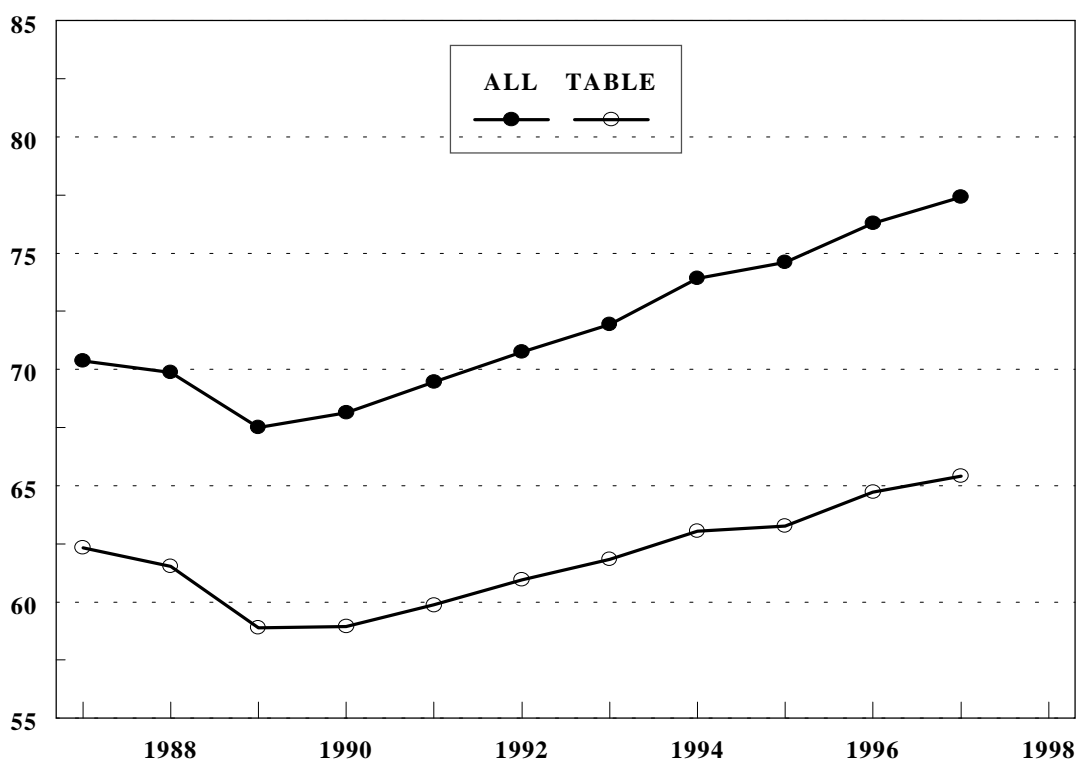
Layers: Egg Production, Price, and Value

Year ¹	Avg. Number of Layers	Eggs per Layer ²	Egg Production	Average Price ³	Value of Production
	<i>thousand</i>		<i>thousand</i>	<i>dollars/dozen</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1993	284,770	253	71,936	0.634	3,800,237
1994	291,018	254	73,911	0.614	3,780,377
1995	293,854	253	74,591	0.624	3,879,609
1996 ⁴	297,958	256	76,281	0.750	4,756,582
1997 ⁵	303,166	255	77,401	-----	-----

¹ Estimates cover December 1 of previous year through November 30. ² Total egg production divided by average number of layers on hand. ³ Average of all eggs sold, including hatching eggs. ⁴ Revisions to price and value of egg production will be published April 29, 1998. ⁵ Price and value of egg production will be published April 29, 1998. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

All Egg and Table Egg Production, 1987-97
United States

Billion Eggs



Chickens: Inventory and Value

Year (Dec. 1)	Inventory Numbers ¹				Average Price per Head	Value of Production
	Layers ²	Pullets ³	Other Chickens	Total		
	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>thousand head</i>	<i>dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1993	290,626	81,774	7,240	379,640	2.37	898,059
1994	298,509	77,951	7,369	383,829	2.35	900,111
1995	298,753	78,232	7,637	384,622	2.42	929,943
1996	303,754	75,977	7,243	386,974	2.65	1,026,245
1997	311,084	84,867	7,544	403,495	2.72	1,098,705

¹ Excludes commercial broilers. ² Pullets 20 weeks old or older plus layers one year old or older. ³ Pullets less than 20 weeks old. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Turkeys: Production, Price, and Value

Year	Production		Average Price ²	Value of Production
	Head ¹	Pounds		
	<i>thousand</i>	<i>thousand</i>	<i>dollars/pound</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1993	287,650	6,432,577	0.390	2,509,127
1994	286,605	6,540,877	0.404	2,643,765
1995	292,856	6,779,277	0.410	2,776,372
1996 ³	302,708	7,171,527	0.433	3,102,093
1997 ⁴	300,620	-----	-----	-----

¹ September 1 of previous year through August 31 of year indicated. ² Liveweight equivalent price. ³ Revisions will be published April 29, 1998. ⁴ Production, price, and value will be published April 29, 1998. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

Catfish and Trout: Operations, Catfish Water Acres, and Grower Sales, United States, 1993-98

Year	No. of Operations		Catfish Water Acres Jan. 1	Producer Sales ¹					
	Catfish Jan. 1	Trout Sept. 1		Foodsize		Stockers		Total ²	
				Catfish	Trout	Catfish	Trout	Catfish	Trout
			<i>acres</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	<i>thousand dollars</i>
1993	1,527	452	151,060	352,895	54,259	7,416	7,398	370,540	68,594
1994	1,404	466	151,650	373,597	52,659	5,316	6,730	397,403	65,097
1995	1,300	437	155,420	378,084	60,797	4,756	6,459	399,542	73,949
1996	1,328	428	167,340	403,329	56,968	4,814	7,421	425,383	71,998
1997	1,319	464	177,460	401,717	60,212	4,027	11,005	421,743	77,576
1998 ³	1,224	-----	173,010	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----

¹ Catfish: January 1 of previous year through December 31 of previous year. Trout: September 1 of previous year through August 1 of year indicated. ² Catfish total includes broodfish for breeding, broodfish previously used for breeding, and fingerlings and fry. Trout total includes fingerlings and eggs. ³ Trout operations and grower sales will be published September 26, 1997. NASS, Livestock & Economics Branch, (202) 720-3570

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